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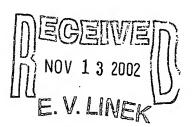
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November 11, 2002

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Dear Ernie;

Further to our telephone conversation of last week, I wish to again confirm the management decision to have you cease any and all work you are engaged in on behalf of Thermo Orion, Inc.

Please make sure you wrap everything up before the end of this month, including notifying the appropriate agencies and/or regulatory offices.

Sincerely,

Dance M. Solimini Vice President

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